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Terms. Cash with order. Prices include postage.

My main list is published in the fall and includes tulip and narcissus bulbs, peonies, and a few miscellaneous items. To those receiving this list a copy of the fall list will be sent without further notice or request. I try to have it ready for mailing in August.

If there is anything in the flower, plant or seed line that you wish and do not know where to get, write me. As I receive a great number and variety of catalogues, I can probably tell you where it can be obtained.

BEARDED IRISES

The bearded irises should be planted shallow, and should be given, as nearly as possible, a dry, well-drained location in full sun. A dressing of some form of lime or limestone is very beneficial.

Germanica Alba. Early. Pure white. 15c.

Kochii. Early. Buds soot-black, flower deepest purple. An indispensable variety. 15c. 6 for 60c.

Ciengialti. Similar to Pallida Dalmatica, but smaller, deeper in color, daintily crinkled and richly fragrant. For color-mass it is superior, being more profuse in bloom, and richer and more brilliant in color. 15c. 6 for 60c, 25 for \$2.00.

Pallida Dalmatica. Plant large, tall and stately. Flower very large. Soft lavender in color. 20c. 6 for \$1.00, 25 for \$3.00.

Koenig. King of Iris. Smoky yellow and rich brown. Very large. One of the finest irises. 25c. 3 for 60c.

Sherwin Wright. The favorite yellow. 25c.

Pumila. Deep purple. A tiny flower, but blooms in masses, and extremely early. 15c.

Innocenza. Late. Rich brilliant ivory-white, a charming variety, tall and graceful. 20c. 6 for \$1.00.

Black Knight. **Black Prince.** Standards deep blue, falls rich dark velvety purple. 75c.

Iris Collection. The plants of this collection belong to the estate of an Iris enthusiast, and, while they do not include the extravagant-priced varieties, their quality is high, and they will give more than value for the money. As there are some of the varieties I can not identify, I have to offer them unnamed, though the varieties are grown separately. 10, all different, \$1.50. 100, including at least 10 varieties, in mixture, \$8.00. The same, but names given so far as possible and varieties kept separate, 10 for \$2.00, 100 for \$10.00.

BEARDLESS IRISES

These thrive in any good garden location, but especially enjoy a location by the waterside. *Pseudacorus* will grow in water, and makes a handsome house plant in a two-gallon butter jar filled three-fourths full of earth kept covered with water.

Siberian, Blue King. Rich blue. 15c. 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

Siberian, Dark Blue. *Sanguinea* (?). Darker than Blue King, and a few days difference in time of bloom. 15c. 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

Siberian, Superba. Velvety dark purple. 15c.

Siberian, Snow Queen. White. 15c. 6 for 75c.

Siberian, Distinction. A flower of remarkable grace and beauty, and highly effective in mass planting. Rich blue, with white veining. The stems are very tall, holding the flower mass completely above the foliage, and bear a quantity of buds which will give a display of bloom for a long time. 25c. 6 for \$1.20, 12 for \$2.00.

Siberian, Pale Blue. 15c. 6 for 50c.

Siberian, Butterfly. Strong grower. Large flower of light blue. 25c.

Pseudacorus. Foliage tall and handsome. Flower flat, a deep golden yellow with black markings. 20c. 3 for 50c.

Orientalis Gigantea. Ochroleuca. A superb flower, pure ivory-white, with yellow blotch on the falls. 25c. 6 for \$1.20, 12 for \$2.25.

Longipetala Superba. Spuria Mrs. A. W. Tait. This is like the preceding variety in type, but a dainty lavender in color, shading from nearly blue to pink, with yellow suffusions. 25c.

Versicolor. The common wild water-flag. Pale lavender. 15c. 4 for 50c.

ORNAMENTAL GRASS

Eulalia Gracillima. Grows to five feet in height. Foliage of darkest green, very slender and graceful. The dainty blossom plumes which come in fall are fine for winter bouquets. 15c. 12 for \$1.20. Larger plants, 25c. 50c, \$1.00, according to size. Special rates on large quantities.

Eulalia Zebrina. An ornamental grass coarser and heavier than E. Gracillima. The leaves are marked every few inches with broad cross-bars of yellow. Grows to six or eight feet high. 25c. Larger plants, 50c.

Hardy Bamboo. A strong, hard-wooded, grassy-looking plant, one of the most elegant ornamentals of shrub size. The leaves remain green until well into winter, and the stems do not die down. Highly desirable for water-side planting. Strong field-grown plants, 50c. Larger plants, \$1.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

Eranthis Hyemalis. Winter Aconite. Earlier even than the snow-drop. Yellow. Foliage rich green, would make a fine ground cover in masses. Large plants, 10c. 3 for 25c.

Snowdrop. Very early. Pure white, and of exquisite beauty. 5c. 5 for 20c, 12 for 40c.

Grape Hyacinth. Deep blue, rich and brilliant. Tiny bells in a spike, like the hyacinth, but smaller. 5c. 5 for 20c, 12 for 40c, 100 for \$3.00.

Order the three preceding for summer delivery and planting, as bulbs kept for fall planting are much weakened. They should be planted as soon as received, preferably where moist, cool, and shady.

Star of Bethlehem. *Ornithogalum umbellatum*. White flowers in great masses in early summer. Flowering clumps for early spring planting, 15c. 6 for 75c, 25 for \$2.40. Small bulbs for early spring planting, a large number of bulbs for the money. Ounce, 10c, 3 ounces, 25c. Standard-size bulbs for summer delivery. 5c. 6 for 20c, 25 for 50c, 250 for \$4.00.

Tritoma. Redhot Poker. Summer bloomer. 20c. 3 for 50c.

Hemerocallis, Queen of May. Yellow Day Lily. One of the largest and finest, not often offered. Superior to Florham. Richly fragrant. Perfectly hardy. 30c.

Japanese Walnut. Transplants easily, grows rapidly, comes to bearing very young, yields heavily, and is highly ornamental. The nuts are easily cracked and extracted, and have a flavor similar to that of the butternut. Not safely hardy here, but should be at Ft. Smith, Memphis, Richmond, and south. Trees have one-year tops, strong two-year roots. 50c. 3 for \$1.00, 12 for \$3.00.

N. B. All prices in this list include delivery by mail or express.

If you are an iris lover, you want "Tall Bearded Irises," by Walter Stager, \$2.00. For sale by Madison Cooper, Calcium, N. Y.

The best flower magazine is "The Flower Grower," published by Madison Cooper, Calcium, N. Y. One year for \$2.00, 3 years for \$4.50. This and the iris book can be ordered through me, or direct.

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